

District Judge Marsha J. Pechman

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

MAHNAZ MALEKPOUR
MANSOORKHANI,

Plaintiff,

v.

PAMELA BONDI, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:25-cv-00294-MJP

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND
~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

Noted for Consideration:
May 16, 2025

For good cause, Plaintiff and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to continue to stay these proceedings through November 5, 2025. Plaintiff brought this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act seeking to compel U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) to adjudicate her asylum application. This litigation is currently stayed through June 5, 2025. Dkt. No. 7. The parties are currently working towards a resolution to this litigation.

Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for

1 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.
2 P. 1.

3 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial
4 intervention. USCIS has scheduled Plaintiff’s asylum interview for July 8, 2025. USCIS agrees
5 to diligently work towards completing the adjudication within 120 days of the interview, absent
6 unforeseen or exceptional circumstances that would require additional time for adjudication. If
7 the adjudication is not completed within that time, USCIS will provide a status report to the
8 Court. Plaintiff will submit all supplemental documents and evidence, if any, to USCIS seven to
9 ten days prior to the interview date. Plaintiff recognizes that failure to submit documents prior to
10 the interview may require the interview to be rescheduled and the adjudication delayed. If
11 needed, Plaintiff will bring an interpreter to the interview, otherwise the interview will need to be
12 rescheduled and the adjudication delayed. Once the application is adjudicated, Plaintiff will
13 dismiss the case with each party to bear their own litigation costs and attorneys’ fees.
14 Accordingly, the parties request this abeyance to allow USCIS to conduct Plaintiff’s asylum
15 interview and then process her asylum application.

16 As additional time is necessary for this to occur, the parties request that the Court hold
17 the case in abeyance until November 5, 2025. The parties will submit a status update on or
18 before November 5, 2025.

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1 DATED this 16th day of May, 2025.

2 Respectfully submitted,

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11 *I certify that this memorandum contains 373*
12 *words, in compliance with the Local Civil*
Rules.

~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

The case is held in abeyance until November 5, 2025. The parties shall submit a status update on or before November 5, 2025. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 16th day of May, 2025.



MARSHA J. PECHMAN
United States Senior District Judge